

**REMARKS**

Claims 46-50, 52-54, 56-66, and 68-118 are pending and at issue.

The office action confirms that claims 46-50, 52-54, 56-66, and 68-118 recite allowable subject matter.

The office action objects to claims 107-118 on informal grounds.

The office action rejects claims 62, 74-77, and 106 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2, as having improper dependencies.

Applicant respectfully traverses each of the rejections and requests their removal.

**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 46-50, 52-54, 56-66, and 68-118 remain pending and at issue.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Cancelled: Claims 1-45, 51, 55, and 67;

Currently added: Claims 62, 74-77, 106, and 107-118;

Amended: Claims 58, 60, 63, 64, 68-71, 73, 74 (amended as of this amendment), 75 (amended as of this amendment), 84, 85, 89, 90, 94, 95, 99, 104, 105, and 106-118 (amended as of this amendment);

Twice Amended: Claims 53, 54, 57, 59, 61, 62, 65, 66, 72, and 100;

Thrice Amended: Claims 50, 52, 81, 86, 91, 96, and 101;

Four Times Amended: Claims 46, 47, 48, 49, 56, 76, and 77;

Five Times Amended: Claims 79 and 80; and

Previously Added: Claims 82, 83, 87, 88, 90, 92, 93, 97, 98, 102, and 103.

## **II. Reissue Oath/Declaration**

Applicant will provide a supplemental reissue oath/declaration upon confirmation of the allowability of the pending claims.

## **III. Claim objections**

The official action objects to claims 107-118 as using the word “claims” instead of “claim.” Applicant has amended these claims above to correct the typographical error. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

## **IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2**

The official action objects to claims 62, 74-77, and 106 as having improper dependencies. In response, Applicant has amended claim 62 to depend from claim 61, amended claims 74-77 to depend from claim 50, and amended claim 106 to depend from claim 46-50, 78, 80, 81, 86, 91, 96, and 101. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

## **V. Housekeeping**

Applicant notes that in copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/775,069, the Examiner objected to the drawings as filed in that divisional application, as not containing each of the drawings. Further the Examiner objected that the Abstract was not filed. A request was made for Applicant to provide the first pages of the predicate patent. Although no such rejection was made in the instant application, as a courtesy, Applicant has submitted herewith – while at the same time recognizing that many of these drawings were previously submitted – the drawings and Abstract pages (as well as the Abstract on a separate page) of the subject patent (RE 37,585) for which the present application is a divisional.

## **VI. Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, applicant respectfully asserts that claims 46-50, 52-54, 56-66, and 68-118 are in condition for immediate allowance. Confirmation of the same is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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